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PUBLIC MORALS.

What is to become of this Country?

The thoughtful and reflecting portion of the community, have long viewed with pain, the condition of public morals, which has prevailed in this country, manifested throughout almost all classes of men, and through all parts of the country. Robbery, forgery, arson and swindling of every description—among the high as well as the low—have not only been rife among us, but crime of a higher grade, involving the sacrifice of human life, have prevailed to an extent that is alarming. Most prominent in this painful display of crime, which has spread so wide, and afforded evidence of being so, deep seated, is the disregard of law so generally manifested. Not only is this disregard of the laws of the land every where apparent in the outrages and crimes of individuals, who set all laws at defiance, but in the criminal indifference of those whose duty it is to enforce the laws. The impunity which offences are perpetrated, the readiness with which trials are evaded, or the uncertainty of punishment after conviction, are among the most startling evidences of the loose and unsettled, if not downward tendency of society.

The cause of all this darkening influence and its remedy is the subject of anxious solicitude to the philanthropist. It offers a fruitful field for enquiry. That the condition of affairs referred to really exist, our newspapers throughout the country, afford daily and mortifying evidence. It is too apparent to the most careless observer. And while our own citizens deplore the existence of these evils, they are becoming the object of deep censure abroad. Foreigners, envious of the boasted greatness of our country, are already grasping at the evidence which this fearful increase of crime furnishes of weakness of our republican institutions. In all cases, the grossest outrages committed here, against the peace and well-being of society, are seized with avidity and published with fierce exaggeration to give color to their denunciation.

A writer in the last "Foreign Quarterly Review," has given vent to a strain of coarse vulgar abuse against this country, founded on events for which unfortunately there exists too much reality. Amidst a mass of irrelevant and distorted declaration, we find the following, which, with much other abuse, will serve to show the depravity that is gaining a fearful footing among us. After inveighing against the heterogeneous character of our population, and certain tendencies in our system, the writer says:

"Hence the judges on the bench constantly give way to popular clamor, and law itself is abrogated by the law-maker, and openly violated by its functionaries. Hence the total abnegation of all dignity, earnestness, truth, consistency, and courage, in the administration of public affairs. Hence the ascendancy of Lynch law over state-law; hence assassination in the daylight in the thronged streets; hence impunity to crime, backed by popular fury; hence the wild judicature in its own courts; hence the savage bowie-knife glittering in the hands of the murderer on the floor of Congress, where if decency, or self-respect, the subjugation of passion, or a deliberate sense of any sort of responsibility existed anywhere in the country, we might hope to discover it."

To us the great question is how shall these evils be remedied—and where have they their origin? Our late grand jury in a well timed, judicious presentment, have undertaken to make specification which are correct so far as they go. But they do no means go far enough. There are other evils than intemperance, theatres, dance houses, low taverns and gambling all powerful as these nuisances doubtless are, in contributing to the state of demoralization over which the patriot and the philanthropist mourns. There are influences at work throughout the wide extent of the land, antagonistic to the republican purity, intelligence and virtue of the people, which must be overcome if the high destiny claimed for this Republic, is to be fully and fairly achieved. Of these it is not our purpose now to speak, though we design making our sheet a medium for the communication of such views as shall have a distinct and just bearing upon the overshadowing evils that can only be removed under the sunlight influence of an honest and independent press. There is too great a lack of plain, honest dealing in the newspaper press in this country; there is too little sincerity in the public minds which guide and direct public opinion.

Designing to give shortly some important views on this vital topic, and a detail of facts which are believed to have a most unquestionable and intimate connection with the great interests of the country for the present we content ourselves with the presentation of some pertinent observations, by no less a man than Judge Story, the accomplished scholar, the profound jurist, the patriot and philanthropist.

WHAT IS TO BECOME OF THIS COUNTRY? When we reflect on what has been, and what is, how is it possible not to feel a profound sense of the responsibilities of this republic to all future ages? What vast motives press upon us for lofty enthusiasm. What solemn warnings at once demand our vigilance, and moderate our confidence.

The old world has already revealed to us in its unsealed books, the beginning and end of all its marvellous struggles in the cause of liberty. Greece! lovely Greece! the land of scholars, and the nurse of arms, where sister republics, in fair procession, chanted the praise of liberty and the gods, where is she? For two thousand years the oppressors have bound her to the earth. She fell by the hands of her own people. The man of Macedonia did not do the work of destruction. It was already done by her own corruptions, banishments, and dissensions.

Rome! republican Rome! whose eagle

glanced in the rising sun, where and what is she? The eternal city yet remains proud even in her desolation, noble in decline, venerable in the majesty of death. The swarms of the north completed only what was begun. Romans betrayed Rome. The legions were bought and sold, but the people paid the tribute money.

And where are the republics of modern times which cluster around immortal Italy? Venice and Genoa exist but in name. The Alps indeed look upon the brave and peaceful Swiss, in their native fastnesses; but the guaranty of their freedom is their weakness, and not their strength. The country too is too poor for plunder, and too rough for a valuable conquest. Nature presents her eternal barriers on every side, to check the wantonness of ambition. And Switzerland remains with her institutions a military road to climates scarcely worth a permanent possession, and protected by the jealousy of her neighbors.

We stand the latest, and if we fail, probably the last example of self-government by the people. We have begun it under circumstances of the most suspicious nature. We are in the vigor of youth. Our constitutions never have been enfeebled by the vices or luxuries of the world.

Such as we are, we have been from the beginning; simple, hardy, intelligent, accustomed to self-government, and self-reliance. The Atlantic rolls between us and a formidable foe. Within our territory, stretching through many degrees of latitude, we have the choice of many products and many means of independence. The Government is mild. The press is free. Religion is free. Knowledge reaches or may reach every home. What fairer prospects of success could be presented?—What more is necessary than for the people to preserve what they themselves have created?

Already has the age caught the spirit of our institutions. It has ascended the Andes, and snuffed the breezes of both oceans. It has infused itself into the lifeblood of Europe, and warmed the sunny plains of France, and the low lands of Holland. It has touched the philosophy of Germany and the North, and moving onward towards the South, has opened to Greece the lesson of her better days.

Can it be that America, under such circumstances, can betray herself? That she is to be added to the catalogue of republics, the inscription upon whose ruin is, "they were, but they are not?" Forbid it my countrymen. Forbid it Heaven.

I call upon you, Fathers, by the shades of your ancestors, by the dear ashes which repose in this precious soil, by all your hope to be, resist every project of disunion; resist every attempt to fetter your conscience, or smother our public schools, or extinguish your system of public institution.

I call upon you, Mothers, by that which never fails in woman, the love of your offspring, to teach them as they climb your knees to learn on your bosoms, the blessings of liberty. Swear them at the altar, as with baptismal vows to be true to their country, and never forsake her.

I call upon you young men, to remember whose sons you are, whose blood flows in your veins. Life can never be too short which brings nothing but disgrace and oppression. Death never come too soon, if necessary in the defence of the liberties of our country.

Philadelphia Despatch.

"REFORM! REFORM!"

Yes, this is the cry. We need reform—we must have reform; a social reform, a political reform, a moral reform. Society is wrong; the church is wrong; business is conducted on wrong principle; all is wrong. Hence we have our social reformers, political reformers, moral reformers. But what have they all been doing? Spreading light, truly; holding up the evils, which all who consider most desperate; and showing us the necessity of that, the want of which is already but too painfully felt. Thus far, well; but what has actually been achieved in the great campaign for reformation? But little, alas! but too little.

What is the process adopted to effect it? Revolution—not one of blood, indeed, but what has been called a social and moral revolution. Society is wrong, therefore it must be broken up, a new order of things must be established on a different basis, and we must all begin anew, to do right what we have so long been doing wrong. We must have a community of labor, say some; a community of capital and interest; common evils to avoid, common good to secure. We cannot hope to reform society, as it is, therefore we must leave it, and establish one on such principles as shall make it the desideratum, and secure the object for which society is formed—prosperity, elevation, happiness.

Two premises, it will be observed, are here laid down. First the present state of society cannot be reformed; second, a society may be formed which shall be destitute of evils deprecated; and the conclusion then follows, it should be formed. We confess ourselves not quite so sanguine on these points. We are not so certain of the impossibility of the first, or the possibility of the second; yet we are very far for the benefit of labor and the elevation and happiness of the human race. Would that the number of those who are desirous of reform were increased a thousand fold. There is vast room for effort. The friend of humanity has an ample field before him; alas! that there are so few disposed to enter it and labor.

We desire a reform, but we would have one, if possible, which shall not be revolutionary in character. We do not see the necessity of cutting adrift from all the moorings of the State,

for the usages of the Church. True, there are evils in both, but they are such as those who make up the State or the Church may themselves remedy. The theory of each is, for aught we know, as liberal and expansive as may well be conceived, liberty being the grand element, and man, considered as man, the rightful possessor. The theory, then, we cannot suppose to be wrong; it is in the application, in the practice, that the wrong exists.

Let us consider for a moment, some of the evils in society, and see if this is not so. There is the excessive deference paid to wealth both in the State and in the Church. The theory or civil government recognize it: "all men are created free and equal." Religion absolutely forbids it: "if there come unto your assembly a man in goodly apparel, and a poor man in vile raiment, and ye respect the one but despise the other, ye have respect of persons and committing sin." There are also false notions of labor, distinction of rank as well as employment, all which are the result of an ill-judging, senseless pride, rather than of a radical defect in the construction of society. There is the influence of pernicious example, of fashion and custom; there is extortion, oppression, illiberality and grasping ambition; but who is disposed to consider these, other than the rank weeds of an uncultivated soil, the poisonous fruit of an ill-governed heart? Let society be broken up, a new order of things be established and these weeds will grow again so soon as time shall have allowed them to germinate and put forth their fruits.

We cannot then, expect a permanent reform from this source. The evils are in society, deeply interwoven in all its usages and institutions, and find their source in the habits inclinations and hearts of those who compose it.

From individual, personal effort, as it may appear to us, are we to look for a radical and permanent reform. Let those who profess discipleship to the lowly Savior, carry out in daily life the liberal and equalizing doctrine he taught; let them learn to "esteem others better than themselves;" let them evidence that benevolence which religion teacheth, and a grand step will have been taken towards the point at which we aim. Let those who are sensible of the evils, afford the corrective of example.

Their influence, their example is needed in society; if correct, it will be felt where the evil exists, and daily will it be exerted for the happiness and comfort of those now suffering under social abuses. Finally, let every individual inquire what part he has to perform in this great work. Honest manual labor is to be vindicated and redeemed from the odium and reproach which has been heaped upon it. This can only be done by personal effort, by example. Let each set himself at work in right earnest, and he will find there is much he can perform for the great object of social improvement, the benefit of society, and the elevation and happiness of his race.

A single word or two to those occupied in labor, and we have done. Your powerful co-operation in this work is absolutely necessary. Whatever false distinctions or ill-conceived notions may have been instituted or propagated by mis-guided men, it becomes your duty to discountenance them all. In your hardy hands and honest hearts let your glory be; and whatever distinctions others may court, show that you disregard all which has not true worth for its basis, and humanity's good for its object. Doing this with fixed and steady purpose, you will consign to oblivion much that is ill-grounded and injurious as well to yourselves as to society, and introduce a reform that shall be permanent and useful indeed.—The Laborer.

The following is an extract of a letter from a young American now traveling in Europe, which we copy from the Baton Rouge (La.) Gazette:

EXTRAORDINARY DISCOVERY.

Professor Von Grusselbach, of Stockholm, has very lately brought to the state of perfection the art of producing a torpor of the whole system, by the application of cold of different degrees of intensity, proceeding from a lesser to a greater, so as to cause the human body to become perfectly torpid without permanent injury to any organ or tissue of the frame. In this state they may remain for a great number of years, and again, after sleep of ages, be awakened to existence, as fresh and blooming as they were when they first sunk into their frigid slumber.

The attention of the learned professor was first led to the subject by finding a toad enclosed in a solid fragment of calcareous rock ten feet in diameter, which when taken out, showed unequivocal signs of life; but it was supposed that the conclusion caused by blasting the rock occasioned its death in a few hours after. The opinion of Baron Gruithusen, who is Geologist to the King of Sweden, was, that it must have been in that situation for at least seven thousand years; and his calculations were drawn from the different layers of strata by which it was surrounded. From this hint, the professor proceeded to make experiments; and, after a painful and laborious course of experiments for the last twenty-nine years of his life, he has at last succeeded in perfecting his great discovery. No less than sixty thousand reptiles, snail fish, &c. were experimented on before he tried the human subject. The process is not entirely laid before the public as yet, but I had the honor, in company with a friend of visiting the professor.

I shall give a slight description of one of the outer rooms containing some of his preparations. Previous to entering, we were furnished with an india rubber bag, to which was attached a mask with glass eyes. This was put on to

prevent the temperature of the room from being varied the slightest degree by our breathing. It was an circular room, lighted from the top by the sun's rays, from which the heat was entirely disengaged by its passage through its glass, &c. colored by the oxide of copper, (a late discovery and very valuable to the professor). The room is shelved all around, and contains nearly one thousand specimens of animals, &c. One was Swedish girl, aged, from appearance, about nineteen years; she was consigned to the professor by order of the Government to experiment upon, having been found guilty as murdering her child. With the exception of slight planeness, she appeared as if asleep although she has been in a state of complete torpor for two years. He intends, he says, to resuscitate her in five more years, and convince the world of the soundness of his wonderful discovery. The professor, to gratify us, took a small snake out of his cabinet into another room, and although it appeared to us to be perfectly dead and rigid as marble, by application of mixture of cayenne pepper and brandy, it showed immediate signs of life, and was apparently as active as ever it was in a few minutes, although the professor assured us it has been in a state of torpor for six years.

OXFORD DEMOCRAT.

PARIS, APRIL 23, 1844.

"The great popular party is already rallied almost en masse around the banner which is leading the party to its final triumph. The few that still lag will soon be rallied under its ample folds. On that banner is inscribed: FREE TRADE; LOW DUTIES; NO BARRIERS; SEPARATION FROM NAVY; ECONOMY; ENLIGHTENMENT; AND STRICT ADHERENCE TO THE CONSTITUTION. Victory in such a cause will be great and glorious; and if its principles be faithfully and firmly adhered to, after it is achieved, much will redound to the honor of those by whom it will have been won, and long will it perpetuate the liberty and prosperity of the country."—Catholon.

TEXAS.—Many persons have denied that Great Britain had made any overtures or proposals to Texas, and called such assertions false, and used only to throw dust into the eyes of the American public. But among the documents accompanying the Treaty is a copy of a communication of the Texas Government informing our Government that "Great Britain had made a direct overture to Texas for her protection." That communication was the basis of all action on the part of our Government.

Texas it seems must be an addition or an auxiliary to some other Government. She cannot remain an independent power. She will not return to Mexico, because that country has denied to her the rights and privileges belonging to citizens of a Republic,—falsehood her promises, and attempted her invasion and subjugation because Texas resisted her unjust authority and oppressive laws. If she do not return to Mexico, where shall she go? Shall she become a Colony of England?—A Government which has opened her arms and invited her to come? While wars and rumors of wars are liable to occur,—while Military and Naval establishments are kept in existence, and while boundaries, frontiers and neighbors of certain kinds are so important, we should judge that the overgrown and grasping power of Great Britain ought not, for our own sakes, to be in possession of Texas. Since, therefore, Texas cannot remain an independent power,—since she cannot return to Mexico, or willingly accept the offer of Great Britain, shall she be annexed to the United States and become a part of our Republic? The President and his Cabinet have all expressed their willingness that she should. Many intelligent persons have said "come." Many Statesmen, among whom are Calhoun, Clay and Walker, have said "come."—"we are willing to receive you." Many of the people, in different portions of the country and from different cities, have petitioned for her admission.

But, there is another side to this picture. It cannot be denied that there is a strong opposition to Annexation. Thousands of the people, both Statesmen and Philanthropists, are found protesting against such a measure. They deny the right as well as the power of annexation; and dwell with impassioned eloquence on the supposed evil consequences of such a step.—Some look upon it only as a plot to perpetuate slavery, and the slave power in this Republic. Other view it as a scheme to receive and possess a bevy of "Rascals" and "Renegades."

These are some of the different views entertained by different men on this subject. It has not become a party question, although it is assuming that character. The Treaty which has been proposed and signed by the President and his Cabinet will not, in all probability, be ratified at this Session. It will then be left open for future discussion, and what will be the final result we cannot predict. For our own part we do not feel qualified to judge whether Texas should be admitted or not. It seems to us that the question should be viewed as one concerning National policy, independent of local interests, local feeling, or local prejudices. If we could feel satisfied that the acquisition of Texas would add to our general prosperity and security, we should say let her be admitted.

DEATH OF MR. HASKELL.—Mr. Jere Haskell, Secretary of the Senate, died at Augusta on the 14th inst. He has been feeble for some months past, owing to a consumption of the Lungs which has been praying upon his constitution. Nevertheless he had been able during the winter to attend to his duties as Secretary of the Senate. On the day previous to his death he expressed the opinion that he should be able to "return home by the boat and fix the Index to his Journal" and told the friends that called on him that "he was smart." Verily how uncertain is life!

Mr. Henry Clay is losing ground in his own State. Guess the Kentuckians don't like his electioneering for himself.

The Baltimore Convention assembles on the 27th of May.

We shall publish Mr. Wilkins' letter in relation to Texas next week.

Mr. Clay, at Columbus, Georgia, declared himself for the compromise tariff in future. Here are his words:

"Influenced by a desire to avert the coming danger, and anxious to perpetuate the Union and give peace to a distracted country, I brought forward the compromise act, and aided in its passage. In my subsequent life I have adhered to its provision, and shall do so in future."

The compromise act, it is well known, brought all duties to an *ad valorem* of twenty per cent, lower than the bill now before Congress, so much berated Mr. Clay's admirers.

Again, Mr. Clay says: "The prohibition of the fabrics of foreign countries would transfer the monopoly to the home manufacturers of the United States. The true interests of the consumers are best promoted by a competition between the foreign and national supply."—Boston Post.

In this way the South are made to believe one set of opinions while the North are taught another. The last campaign was distinguished for such double dealing, especially on the Tariff. It should be distinctly understood, and kept in perpetual remembrance, that Mr. Clay at the South is in favor of the principles of the Compromise Act, which require a duty of 20 per cent, according to value, with some slight discrimination on all the different Foreign manufactured articles; while at the North his admirers bring him forth and attempt to sustain him as the author and champion of the Protective System, which system, as in the late Tariff, prescribes and lays a duty on Cotton and other goods of from 50 to 100 per cent.

Mr. Clay thinks the principles of the Compromise Act were complied with and carried out in the Wigg Tariff of '42. The following is an extract from Mr. C's late electioneering speech at Charleston, South Carolina, taken from the Kennesbee Journal.

Mr. C. denied that the principles of the compromise required the maximum rate of duty to be fixed at 20 per cent.—its true principle was that no more revenue should be raised than was necessary for an honest and economical administration of the government, and within that limit there might be discrimination in favor of domestic industry. He was far from conceding that the tariff of 1842 was in violation of the principle of the compromise—but if the home valuation and neither interest affected by it had more right to complain than the other."

Thus it appears according to the elastic and flexible opinions of Mr. C. and his admirers, that although an *ad valorem* duty of 20 per cent must be adhered to, yet it can be so varied on the ground of discrimination as to tax certain manufactured articles, not merely 20, 25, or 40, but even 50 or 100 per cent. Such latitude of discrimination as this requires no declaration of principles. The veriest tyro in Political Economy that ever drew breath, or possessed a tongue for the utterance of political dogmas, could lay out the ground work of a Tariff on such principles, and never be in the least danger of departing from them. If he were to tax some articles 200 per cent his principle would be there; and if he were to tax other articles 1 1/2 per cent, his principle would be there. Thus it would be impossible to go so far beyond 20 per cent or so far below it as not to be within the legitimate construction and the chosen dominion of the Compromise Act. The Compromise Act, therefore, as illustrated and defended by Henry Clay, is a grand humbug.

CONGRESS.—Dr. Martin has been confirmed as Secretary of Legation to France, and will accompany Hon. W. R. King. In the House, on the 15th, an attempt was made to introduce the New Tariff Bill, but it failed by a vote of 84 to 95.

On the 16th the Post Office Bill was taken up in the Senate. A motion to abolish the franking privilege was rejected 35 to 5. Members will not vote to diminish their own privileges. An amendment was adopted increasing the postage 50 per cent on the original Bill.

The House was occupied with the Rhode Island question.

April 17th. The Appropriation Bill for the Navy was taken up. \$110,000 were appropriated for the immediate wants of the service. Debate on the franking privilege.

18th. An amendment to the Postage Bill was adopted, 24 to 17, providing the following rates of postage:—Under 30 miles, 3 cents; under 120 miles, 5 cents; under 400 miles, 10 cents; over 400, 15 cents.

In the House, Mr. Adams presented Gen. Washington's Camp Chest, and made some appropriate remarks. A Resolution of thanks was passed and presented to the widow of the donor.

19th. Several memorials were presented in relation to the Tariff and Texas. The Camp Chest was accepted by the Senate. The Tariff question was taken up, and Mr. Wright occupied two hours in a speech in favor of modifying the present Tariff, when the Senate adjourned before the conclusion of his remarks.

In the House, Mr. Adams presented some Resolutions from Mass. in relation to Texas. A discussion then ensued on the adoption of the Western Harbor Bill, and occupied the House till adjournment.

JUDON ELLIOTT.—This gentleman, who has been impeached for granting fraudulent naturalization papers, was stated by us to be a *Whig* on the authority of some of our exchange papers. According to the N. Orleans Tropic, we are mistaken. This does not help the *Whigs* out of their dilemma. For the persons to whom illegal naturalization certificates were given were all sent to the Judge by the *Clay Club* in New Orleans. Therefore if any criminality attaches to the Judge, it is in consequence of the base and fraudulent conduct of the *Clay Club*. Will the Signal please copy.

Mr. Clay was expected to be at Petersburg, Va. on the 18th inst. on his electioneering tour. Thus he is thrusting himself and his doctrines before the people of the Old Dominion, just before an important State election, electioneering for the Presidency—the highest Office in Christendom. This is a stoop below the dignity of a Statesman, in any case, and only comports with the wishes and designs of a Demagogue.

Georgia, declared tariff in future.

to avert the coming Union and country, I brought forward in its aid. I have adhered to it in future."

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COMMON SCHOOLS.

The following sensible and judicious remarks are copied from the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools of Windham. It is unquestionably true that if our Common Schools are ever improved, it must be done by requiring teachers to possess, not only a more thorough knowledge of the branches taught, but also a better acquaintance with human nature—the passions, motives, feelings, &c. It is a mistaken notion that any young lad or lass can teach school. Parents often have the idea that their sons and daughters can keep school and "teach the young idea how to shoot," when they have never learned them the first elements of a teacher, viz: Order and obedience. We are happy, however, to see new light breaking in upon the community in this respect. In some portions of the State, at least, they are waking up to the full importance of this subject; and are scrutinizing with great care the qualifications of teachers. A corresponding benefit has been realized by taking this course. If a good teacher was appropriated publicly, as such, and a poor one censured, by persons in the District or Town competent to judge, a poor school would be of rare occurrence. This course has been practiced by some towns in this State.

1st. A defect in the *liberty qualification* of some of the teachers—a want of general knowledge, which would not always appear in the examination, but which would of course betray itself in their attempts to teach. The knowledge of some of the teachers who appeared tolerably well on examination, were too evidently bounded by the branches taught in the schools. And always when such ignorance exists; upon matters of general information, the teacher must fail to be useful to the school.

2d. *superficial knowledge of the requisite branches.* Teachers have come to us with a pocket full of certificates (some of them badly written, badly spelled and ungrammatically worded) and have gone the rounds of questions and answers decidedly well; but when asked a question out of the ordinary routine, such as would test their knowledge, they would at once be perplexed and *scrambled*. And still, your committee have not dared, in some of these cases to risk a refusal. As a result of the above named faults, a great want of thoroughness in teaching, and in the classes, has been manifest.

3d. *A want of aptness to teach.* It is not enough for a teacher to know a thing, he must have a faculty of teaching what he knows. Some of our teachers fail greatly in this fact. Their knowledge will not "come at their bidding," and when it comes, it comes dry or loose, without prints or illustration.

4th. *A defect in discipline;* and a radical defect this. As every where else, so in schools, order in the first law. This defect is fatal in school, cannot be foreseen by the examining board.—And even in school, it is often so *negative and intangible*, that the committee do not feel warranted, upon the old standard, in arresting the school.

5th. *A want of enthusiasm in the teacher.* Energy covers a multitude of faults. It cures a multitude of faults. The secret of success in a calling, is to have the *spirit* of that calling. Apathy in the teacher produces apathy in the scholars. Feelings are contagious. A teacher necessarily diffuses his own spirit through the school. If the teacher be stupid and heavy, (and his look, tone of voice and very step will denote this,) the scholars will catch his spirit. It was evident in several cases that the teachers were more anxious to see the end of the day, or the term, than to witness a commendable improvement in their scholars. One of the greatest faults noticed in your schools, the year past, was *laziness* on the part of the teachers and scholars. In some of the schools as you entered, the aspect of the school would be anything but *business-like* aspect. Scholars of the phlegmatic temperament, would be *brazen or ouching or lying*, with *glazed or tearful eye*; while those of a more lively temperament, would be maturing or executing some scheme of mischief.—This fault, originating in some form in the teacher, is the source of many of the other evils found in our schools. Idleness is the mother of crime.

6th. *Ignorance of the best method of teaching.* A person may have the *furniture* for a good teacher; he may have a natural aptness to teach and govern; and yet be defective in his *plans* of teaching. It is generally thought that a child does well if he learns his alphabet, large and small letters, in eight weeks. The mother will praise the teacher, if her child has achieved this. But it is well known that by a proper method of teaching, this may be just as well be accomplished in three weeks as in eight. It is thought too, that if a child learn the elements of reading and spelling; (and to learn to read, in the right way, is to learn also to spell,) between the ages of four and nine years, or ten terms of school, are consumed in acquiring what might be gained, and to more mental profit, if a proper method of instruction had been adopted, in *five terms*. We may indeed safely say that three years are worse than lost, in most cases, by an oversight in our teachers, of the proper method of teaching.

There are many young men who, if they were to study the character of Franklin, would learn a salutary lesson. He was never too proud to work, and thought no employment beneath his dignity that was necessary and honorable.

A western paper, in announcing a Steamboat explosion, very delicately observes—"Three persons were slightly killed."

Whig Logic.—The cost of an article is invariably diminished by adding 50 or 100 per cent. to its price, at the custom-house.

THE LABORER.—This is a new paper published in Boston; and a powerful paper it is. Its intention is to inform and elevate the Laboring classes. A powerful man wields the editorial pen. If the Laborer will but peruse its columns he will obtain that knowledge which is so necessary to his happiness, and enable him to attain that elevated position in society which his merits deserve. We feel much obliged for the exchange, and accept it with pleasure. We copy the able article headed "Reform" from the Laborer.

Connecticut Pulley speaks.—In Springfield, one of the strong holds of Whiggery, the town election was triumphantly carried in favor of the Democrats, against Whiggery and Abolitionism combined.

EXHIBITION OF CLAY.—The Charleston Mercury remarks as follows: "We felt sensibly the degradation of our Republican institutions on Friday last, when we saw a veteran, as Mr. Clay is, in the service of his country, hawked about as some great beast of wonder, to catch a few notes, for that station which should be the reward alone of the lofty patriot and pure statesman."

A CAMPHOR TREE.—A camphor tree mentioned by Kemfer, A. D. 1691, as already celebrated for its size, hollow from age, and supposed to measure six fathoms in circumference, though from its standing on a hill it was not then actually measured, was visited by Seibold in 1626. He found it still healthy, though 135 years older. He and his pupils measured it; he gives 16,388 metres, [about 50 feet] in circumference—adding, in confirmation of this enormous size, that fifteen men can stand in its inside.

COINERS IN THE WOODS.—A gang of coiners were discovered in the woods, some four or five miles south of Warren, Pa., lately, and one of their number arrested, together with their press, dies and other implements of coining, and also a quantity of finished and unfinished coins was found by some of the citizens. The individual arrested says his name is Wm. A. Warren, and resides in Chautauque county N. Y.—He was committed for trial.

THE FAMILY OF SMITHS.—A writer in the Norfolk Beacon tells of a town in Texas which he visited, where out of a population of 400, the Smiths number 300. The Postmaster, the Collector, the Broker, the Colonel of the Militia, the Acting Magistrate, the Candidate for Congress, the Cashier of the bank, the principal merchant, all bore the uncommon name John Smith! He adds, rather dubiously, that "what were the names of some of them in the States it would be hard to tell."

LICE UPON CATTLE KILLED BY "HOT CROP." The southern Cultivator says, that lice upon cattle can be killed by washing them with a decoction of sassafras, or tea made of red pepper pods, or both mixed together. Now, as red pepper pods, or what is the same in effect, a tea made of Cayenne pepper, will kill these vermin, it is certainly a safe remedy. Try it, and if it proves successful, let every farmer know it.

SLAVE TRADE.—Late Bermuda papers state that the slave trade of Cuba is rapidly on the increase. During the last two months upwards of 2000 Africans have been landed on the Island directly from the coast of Africa.

Madam Restell Arrested.—This notorious female Surgical Quack has again been arrested in New York upon the charge of causing, by criminal malpractice, the death of an unfortunate young woman from New Haven Conn.

"A death blow to quack-ery," as the man said when he knocked a duck over the head with a club.

St. Domingo. The colored Republicans of this Island, are all up in arms. A late arrival from Jamaica says—"all the disposable forces of the Government, at and near that place had proceeded against the rebels in the Spanish parts of the Island."

A detachment from the regular army had taken possession of the Spanish town Azua (20 leagues West of the city of St. Domingo) without molestation, after which they were fired upon by the Spaniards and cut up considerably; in return the Spaniards were punished almost to annihilation.

The tallest Coon.—According to the Western Citizens, the whigs of Tippecanoe township, Indiana, recently held a meeting and promulgated the following declaration of principles: *Resolved, That Henry Clay is the tallest coon has the longest tail the most rings round it, and the brightest ones too, of any other coon in all the American diggens.*

Advice to Country Dealers. Never, says the Syracuse Journal, trade at a store which does not advertise. "They don't do much business at such stores and always sell dearest of any."

Bowdoin College.—A catalogue of the officers and students of this Institution, for 1844, states the number of students—Seniors, 47—Juniors, 44—Sophomores, 42—Freshmen, 38—Total, 169. Medical Students, 60.

Texas.—The friends of the annexation of Texas to the Union have met in Cincinnati, and adopted resolutions, and put forth an address, strongly in favor of the scheme.

Lieut. B. C. Elice, of the 6th regiment U. S. Infantry, died at the battle of Key West on the 30th ult.

The Plebeian Tracts.

NOTICE TO DEMOCRATIC ASSOCIATIONS, CLUBS AND COMMITTEES.

In consequence of the increased demand for these popular Tracts, we have reduced the price from \$2.50 to \$2 per 100, and \$20 per 1000. They are now written, and completely exploded the sophisms of the modern "Junius." They should be largely ordered by our Democratic friends throughout the country. No Democrat should be without them. All orders sent to the Plebeian Office, New York City. Remittances in bills of specie-paying banks, accompanying the orders, will be received.

No. 1—The Injustice of the Tariff on Revenue Principles.
No. 2—The Injustice of the Tariff on Protective Principles.

LEVI D. SLAMM, Publisher.

READ THIS.

Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills.

THE virtues of these Pills are now generally known, and universally acknowledged by their great popularity and extensive circulation, and few who peruse this article will doubt the accuracy of the testimonials of their real excellence, and many will be ready to add the testimonials of their own experience in favor of this delightful medicine.

WRIGHT'S INDIAN VEGETABLE PILLS are designed to ASSIST NATURE in restoring the various organs to a healthy action, by CLEANSING the stomach and bowels, and PURIFYING the whole system from those morbid and corrupt humors which in many cases are the cause of disease, and thus gives to the patient health, for sickness, and cheerfulness for dispondency. The unparalleled success which has attended the use of these Pills has introduced some unprincipled persons to manufacture spurious articles, which they endeavor to palm on the unsuspecting as the GENUINE MEDICINE, hence the importance of purchasing only of the regular advertised Agents. N. B. Remember Thomas Crocker is the only regular authorized Agent for the sale of the above invaluable medicine in this Village, and do not purchase elsewhere, if you would be sure of obtaining the GENUINE MEDICINE.—1844

In this town, by Erasmus Hilborn, Esq. Mr Joshua B. Crockett to Miss Columbia Curtis, both of this town.

MARRIED.

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DIED.

In Oxford, Mrs. Maria B. Caldwell, wife of John Caldwell 2nd, aged 35.
I Turner, 23d inst. of Consumption, Rebecca, wife of Mr. Martin Harris, and daughter of Mr. Philip C. Mason, of Buckfield, aged 21.

Corn and Grain.

THE subscriber has on hand and for sale, for cash or good security,
300 bushels of OATS & PEAS,
200 do OATS,
200 do CORN,
50 do RYE.
And a quantity of WHITE BEANS, PEAS and BARLEY.
Paris Hill, April 25, 1844. HENRY HOWE.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE.

WHEREAS SEYMOUR BILLINGS, then of Wald, now of Byron in the County of Oxford, on the seventh day of May, A. D. 1841, by his mortgage deed of that date conveyed to me, David G. Merrill of Andover in the County of Oxford, certain tracts or parcels of land situated in Byron, in said County of Oxford, being lot numbered ten in the sixth Range and the North half of Lots numbered eleven in the fifth and sixth Ranges—Reference being had to said deed, recorded in the Registry of Deeds for Oxford County, Book 62, page 86, for a more particular description and the contents thereof, and as the condition of said mortgage has been broken, I give this public notice to foreclose the same.

DAVID G. MERRILL.
Andover, April 22nd, A. D. 1844. 51

NOTICE.

WHEREAS, ASA HART of Andover in the County of Oxford, on the twelfth day of January, A. D. 1839, by his deed of that date, conveyed to me, David G. Merrill of Andover, a certain Lot of land in said town numbered eighteen lying on the road from Andover Corner to Letter B, taking a bond from me with the condition that if he should pay a certain sum therein named at the time specified then the said land should be conveyed to him; and since he has failed to comply with the conditions, I claim by reason of the breach thereof to foreclose the same.

DAVID G. MERRILL.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE.

WHEREAS, WILLIAM B. ARNOT of Oxford in the County of Oxford, on the sixth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, by his mortgage deed of that date, conveyed to me, the subscriber, certain tracts or parcels of land, viz: "All the real estate of Jacob D. Brown purchased of Samuel Haven, Elizabeth Haven, John Foster and Mary Foster, by deed bearing date November 14th, A. D. 1832, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Oxford, Book 38, pages 228, 229 & 230, to which said deed reference is hereby had for a description of said property," and which deed of mortgage is recorded with Oxford Records, Book 68, page 365; the conditions of said mortgage having been broken, the subscriber gives this public notice of foreclosure of the above described mortgaged premises and claims possession of the same agreeably to the Statute in such case made and provided.

OXFORD, April 29th, 1844. SAMUEL H. KING. 53

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE.

WHEREAS Samuel H. Houghton then of Woodstock, now of Paris, in the County of Oxford, on the eleventh day of March, A. D. 1841, by his mortgage deed of that date conveyed to America Bank, in said County, a certain tract or parcel of land lying in said Paris, viz: "Part of Lots numbered 27 and 28 in the 6th Range of Lots in Paris; which deed is recorded with Oxford Records Book 62, page 207, to which reference may be had for a more particular description. And whereas on the seventeenth day of May, A. D. 1842, the aforesaid mortgage was assigned and transferred by said Bank to Miss Dow of Jay in the County of Franklin then in full life but now deceased, which assignment is recorded with Oxford Records Book 63, page 310; and the condition of said mortgage having been broken, the subscriber as a Minister of said Dow's Estate gives this notice and claims a foreclosure of said mortgaged premises pursuant to Statute in such case provided.

PORTLAND, April 10, 1844. ZILPHIA DOW. 53

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE.

WHEREAS, James Young of Byron, in the County of Oxford, on the tenth day of March, A. D. 1843, conveyed to me, Freeman Griffith of Dixfield, in said County, by his mortgage deed of that date a certain Lot of land in said Byron, being lot number Four in the fourth Range of Lots in said town, containing by estimation one hundred acres more or less, and as the condition of said mortgage has been broken I give this public notice to foreclose the same.

DIXFIELD, April 4, 1844. FREEMAN GRIFFITH. 49

WANTED.

As a House-keeper, a woman of respectability, thirty or forty years of age. In consequence of the helplessness of my wife, being afflicted with the rheumatism, I am obliged to seek a woman to be desired. My terms are, she must be able to cook and wash, and be willing to take the situation will place forward a note, with the price per week for her services, to Isaac Howe.

TREASURER'S NOTICE.—PARIS.

NOTICE is hereby given to the resident and non-resident proprietors & owners of land & other real estate in the town of Paris, County of Oxford, and State of Maine, that the taxes assessed on the real estate in said town for the year 1842, and delinquent highway taxes for 1841, which remain unpaid, have been returned to me by Joseph H. King, Collector of said town for said year 1842, and the sums which remain unpaid are contained in the following schedule, viz:—

Non-Resident Land Tax for 1842.

Owners' Names.	No. of Lots.	Range.	No. Acres.	Value.	Tax.
Larvey Thomas N. Part	29	4	100	230	2.07
Unknown, E. "	22	3	60	225	2.03
Fuller Alden, "	15	3	10	50	.45
Unknown, N. "	20	7	10	50	.45
Goodnow Wm. E. "	7	2	110	600	2.70
And Howe John W. "	11	1	19	95	.86
Young Wm. N. W. "	7	1	31	217	.75
Brown Titus O. "	12	1	40	200	.75
do for Swift land	12	1	40	200	.75
Unknown, Berry Farm,	12	6	80	335	1.56
do	12	6	80	335	1.56
do	23	1	100	230	2.07

Names of Residents.

Ramsdell Job	3.65
Swift Alvin, for Jackson land	.37
Warner Phineas B.	.37
Merrill Moses	.35
Cloudman Solomon	.35
Clark Jonathan	.35
Cushman Ebenezer	.35
Durell Samuel J.	.35
do for house	.35
Jackson Jacob	1.33
Morton Joseph B.	.67
Perry James	1.94
Cushman Elizabeth W.	.36
Stowell David P.	3.54
Wright Ezra	.35
Warren Abigail	.35

Delinquent Highway Tax for 1841.

Dunham Samuel, heirs of	27	7	10	60	.49
Unknown, Asa Dunham stand	27	6	1	86	.73
do	27	2	50	100	.85
Fuller Alden,	15	5	9	50	.43
Willis John W.					6.44

ALANSON MELLETT, Treasurer of said town.
Paris, April 8, 1844. 49

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Superintendent of Schools of Paris will be in session at the residence of T. HOWE, on Tuesday the seventh day of May next, at 9 o'clock A. M. School Teachers are requested to call.

Per order of S. S. Committee of Paris.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

OXFORD, ss: TAKEN on Execution and will be sold at public Vendue at the Inn of Sydenham Brigham in Buckfield, in said County, on Monday the 17th day of June next, at 10 o'clock A. M. all the right which Robert McKenney of Hartford in said County, has in equity to redeem a certain Farm in Hartford on which the said McKenney now lives, and is the same Farm conveyed to said McKenney by one John Moulton by deed bearing date Oct. 30th, 1839, and recorded in the Oxford Registry, Book 58, page 425, where reference may be had, and are the same premises that were mortgaged to William Moulton on the 30th day of October, A. D. 1839, to secure the payment of \$800 per year, and interest, in equal annual payments of \$100 per year, and recorded in the Oxford Registry Book 58, page 426, the same having been attached on the original writ.

Terms of sale, six months credit for an undoubted note on interest.

WILLIAM CUMMINGS, Deputy Sheriff.
April 15th 1844. 50

SHERIFF'S SALE.

OXFORD, ss: TAKEN on Execution and will be sold at public Vendue at the Inn of Sydenham Brigham in Buckfield, in said County, on Saturday the eighth day of June next, at ten o'clock A. M., all the right which Henry Young of Greenwood, in said County, has in equity to redeem the North West half of Lot numbered Eleven in the ninth Range of Lots in said Greenwood, containing sixty acres by estimation, more or less, and being the same premises mortgaged by said Young to Joseph G. Cole on the sixteenth day of February last to secure the payment of one hundred and fifty dollars and interest, and which mortgage is recorded in the Oxford Registry Book 68, page 281, and for more particular description of premises reference thereto being had.

SAMUEL F. RAWSON, Deputy Sheriff.
April 8, 1844. 50

Dissolution of Copartnership.

THE Copartnership heretofore existing between the subscribers under the firm of HUBBARD & MARBLE, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All persons indebted to said firm are requested to call on either of them and settle the same immediately.

HIRSH HUBBARD.
JARVIS C. MARBLE.
Paris, April 6, 1844. 48

Administrator's Sale.

BY virtue of License from the Court of Probate for the County of Oxford, I shall sell at public Vendue, on Monday, the 20th day of May next, at one o'clock P. M., all the real estate of WM. W. WHITEMORE, late of Rumford, in said County, deceased, for the payment of the debts of said deceased, charges of administration, &c. Sale on the premises and terms made known at the time.

ISAAC WHITEMORE, Adm'r.
Rumford, April 8, 1844. 49

NOTICE.

ALL persons are hereby cautioned against purchasing a Note of hand signed by me, and of the following purport, to wit:—Said Note bears date March 6th, A. D. 1844, and payable to Thomas Crocker or order, for the sum of sixty-six dollars and five cents, due on or by the first day of June next with interest, as the same was given without consideration, or value received.

MEXICO, April 3d, A. D. 1844. SEWALL AYER. 48

LEWISTON FALLS ACADEMY.

THE Spring Term will commence on MONDAY, March 4th. In addition to thorough instruction in the solid branches arrangements have been made to afford to young ladies instruction in music and Painting. Efforts will be spared to render the Institution worthy of its increased patronage. Good board can be obtained upon very reasonable terms. For further particulars apply to the Principal, Mr. EDWARD P. WESTON, or to SAUL PICKARD, Sec'y.

Lewiston Falls, Feb. 7, 1844. 340

SAMUEL F. MARBLE,

DEPUTY SHERIFF,

FOR THE COUNTIES OF

CUMBERLAND, & OXFORD

POLAND, ME.

SAMUEL F. RAWSON,

Deputy Sheriff,

PARIS HILL, OXFORD COUNTY.

All business by Mail, or otherwise, promptly attended to.

Paris 11th 1844. 41

At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty-four.

Ebenezer G. Rawson, Administrator of the estate of Ebenezer Rawson, late of Paris aforesaid, having presented his first account of his administration of the estate of said deceased, and also a Petition for License to sell all the real estate of said deceased, (as a partial sale thereof would injure the residue,) for the payment of the debts of said deceased and incidental charges:

It was Ordered, That the said Administrator give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of May next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, and show cause if any they have, why the same should not be allowed and granted.

GEO. F. EMERY, Register.
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At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty-four.

Philip Bradford, Administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Bradford, late of Paris aforesaid, having presented his first account of his administration of the estate of said deceased,

It was Ordered, That the said Administrator give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of May next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed and granted.

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At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty-four.

On the Petition of Columbus Gray, Administrator of the estate of John Gray, late of Paris aforesaid, praying for License to sell all the real estate of said deceased, (as a partial sale thereof would injure the residue,) for the payment of the debts of said deceased and incidental charges:

ON the foregoing Petition, It was Ordered, That the said Administrator give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of May next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, and show cause if any they have, why the same should not be granted.

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On the Petition of Lydia Cushman, Widow of Frances Cushman, late of Rumford, in said County, deceased, praying for an allowance out of the personal estate of said deceased, to be paid to her for her maintenance and support:

It was Ordered, That the said Widow give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of May next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, and show cause if any they have, why the same should not be granted.

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PUBLIC MORALS.

What is to become of this Country?

The thoughtful and reflecting portion of the community, have long viewed with pain, the condition of public morals, which has prevailed in this country, manifested throughout almost all classes of men, and through all parts of the country. Robbery, forgery, arson and swindling of every description—among the high as well as the low—have not only been rife among us, but crime of a higher grade, involving the sacrifice of human life, have prevailed to an extent that is alarming. Most prominent in this painful display of crime, which has spread so wide, and afforded evidence of being so, deep seated, is the disregard of law so generally manifested. Not only is this disregard of the laws of the land every where apparent in the outrages and crimes of individuals, who set all laws at defiance, but in the criminal indifference of those whose duty it is to enforce the laws.

The impunity which offences are perpetrated, the readiness with which trials are evaded, or the uncertainty of punishment after conviction, are among the most startling evidences of the loose and unsettled, if not downward tendency of society.

The cause of all this darkening influence and its remedy is the subject of anxious solicitude to the philanthropist. It offers a fruitful field for enquiry. That the condition of affairs referred to really exist, our newspapers throughout the country, afford daily and mortifying evidence. It is too apparent to the most careless observer. And while our own citizens deplore the existence of these evils, they are becoming the object of deep censure abroad. Foreigners, envious of the boasted greatness of our country, are already grasping at the evidence which this fearful increase of crime furnishes of weakness of our republican institutions. In all cases, the grossest outrages committed here, against the peace and well-being of society, are seized with avidity and published with fierce exaggeration to give color to their denunciation.

A writer in the last "Foreign Quarterly Review," has given vent to a strain of coarse vulgar abuse against this country, founded on events for which unfortunately there exists too much reality. Amidst a mass of irrelevant and distorted declaration, we find the following, which, with much other abuse, will serve to show the depravity that is gaining a fearful footing among us. After inveighing against the heterogeneous character of our population, and certain tendencies in our system, the writer says:

"Hence the judges on the bench constantly give way to popular clamor, and law itself is abrogated by the law-maker, and openly violated by its functionaries. Hence the total abnegation of all dignity, earnestness, truth, consistency, and courage, in the administration of public affairs. Hence the ascendancy of Lynch law over state-law; hence assassination in the daylight in the thronged streets; hence impunity to crime, backed by popular fury; hence the wild judicature in its own courts; hence the savage bowie-knife glittering in the hands of the murderer on the floor of Congress, where if decency, or self-respect, the subjugation of passion, or a deliberate sense of any sort of responsibility existed anywhere in the country, we might hope to discover it."

To us the great question is how shall these evils be remedied—and where have they their origin? Our late grand jury in a well timed, judicious presentment, have undertaken to make specification which are correct so far as they go. But they by no means go far enough.

There are other evils than intemperance, theatres, dance houses, low taverns and gambling all powerful as these nuisances doubtless are, in contributing to the state of demoralization over which the patriot and the philanthropist mourns. There are influences at work throughout the wide extent of the land, antagonistical to the republican purity, intelligence and virtue of the people, which must be overcome if the high destiny claimed for this Republic, is to be fully and fairly achieved. Of these it is not our purpose now to speak, though we design making our sheet a medium for the communication of such views as shall have a distinct and just bearing upon the overshadowing evils that can only be removed under the sunlight influence of an honest and independent press. There is too great a lack of plain, honest dealing in the newspaper press in this country; there is too little sincerity in the public minds which guide and direct public opinion.

Designing to give shortly some important views on this vital topic, and a detail of facts which are believed to have a most unquestionable and intimate connection with the great interests of the country for the present we content ourselves with the presentation of some pertinent observations, by no less a man than Judge Story, the accomplished scholar, the profound jurist, the patriot and philanthropist.

WHAT IS TO BECOME OF THIS COUNTRY? When we reflect on what has been, and what is, how is it possible not to feel a profound sense of the responsibilities of this republic to all future ages? What vast motives press upon us for lofty enthusiasm. What solemn warnings at once demand our vigilance, and moderate our confidence.

The old world has already revealed to us its unseemly books, the beginning and end of all its marvellous struggles in the cause of liberty. Greece! lovely Greece! the land of scholars and the nurse of arms, where sister republics, in fair procession, chanted the praise of liberty and the gods, where is she? For two thousand years the oppressors have bound her to the earth. She fell by the hands of her own people. The man of Macedonia did not the work of destruction. It was already done by her own corruption, banishments, and dissensions.

Rome! republican Rome! whose eagle

glanced in the rising sun, where and what is she? The eternal city yet remains proud even in her desolation, noble in decline, venerable in the majesty of death. The swarms of the north completed only what was begun. Romans betrayed Rome. The legions were bought and sold, but the people paid the tribute money.

And where are the republics of modern times which cluster around immortal Italy? Venice and Genoa exist but in name. The Alps indeed look upon the brave and peaceful Swiss, in their native fastnesses; but the guaranty of their freedom is their weakness, and not their strength. The country too is too poor for plunder, and too rough for a valuable conquest. Nature presents her eternal barriers on every side, to check the wantonness of ambition. And Switzerland remains with her institutions a military road to climates scarcely worth a permanent possession, and protected by the jealousy of her neighbors.

We stand the latest, and if we fail, probably the last example of self-government by the people. We have begun it under circumstances of the most suspicious nature. We are in the vigor of youth. Our constitutions never have been enfeebled by the vices or luxuries of the world.

Such as we are, we have been from the beginning; simple, hardy, intelligent, accustomed to self-government, and self-respect. The Atlantic rolls between us and a formidable foe. Within our territory, stretching through many degrees of latitude, we have the choice of many products and many means of independence.

The Government is mild. The press is free. Religion is free. Knowledge reaches or may reach every home. What fairer prospects of success could be presented?—What more is necessary than for the people to preserve what they themselves have created?

Already has the age caught the spirit of our institutions. It has ascended the Andes, and snuffed the breezes of both oceans. It has infused itself into the lifeblood of Europe, and warmed the sunny plains of France, and the low lands of Holland. It has touched the philosophy of Germany and the North, and moving onward towards the South, has opened to Greece the lesson of her better days.

Can it be that America, under such circumstances, can betray herself? That she is to be added to the catalogue of republics, the inscription upon whose ruin is, "they were, but they are not?" Forbid it my countrymen. Forbid it Heaven.

I call upon you, Fathers, by the shades of your ancestors, by the dear ashes which repose in this precious soil, by all your hope to be, resist every project of disunion; resist every attempt to fetter your conscience, or smother our public schools, or extinguish your system of public institution.

I call upon you, Mothers, by that which never fails in woman, the love of your offspring, to teach them as they climb your knees to lean on your bosoms, the blessings of liberty. Swear them at the altar, as with baptismal vows to be true to their country, and never forsake her.

I call upon you young men, to remember whose sons you are, whose blood flows in your veins. Life can never be too short which brings nothing but disgrace and oppression. Death never come too soon, if necessary in the defence of the liberties of our country.

Philadelphia Dispatch.

"REFORM! REFORM!"

Yes, this is the cry. We need reform—we must have reform; a social reform, a political reform, a moral reform. Society is wrong; the church is wrong; business is conducted on wrong principle; all is wrong. Hence we have our social reformers, political reformers, moral reformers. But what have they all been doing? Spreading light, truly; holding up the evils, which all who consider most desperate; and showing us the necessity of that, the want of which is already but too painfully felt. Thus far, well; but what has actually been achieved in the great campaign for reformation? But little, alas! but too little.

What is the process adopted to effect it? Revolution—not one of blood, indeed, but what has been called a social and moral revolution. Society is wrong, therefore it must be broken up, a new order of things must be established on a different basis, and we must all begin anew, to do right what we have so long been doing wrong. We must have a community of labor, say some; a community of capital and interest; common evils to avoid, common good to secure. We cannot hope to reform society, as it is, therefore we must leave it, and establish one on such principles as shall make it the desideratum, and secure the object for which society is formed—prosperity, elevation, happiness.

Two premises, it will be observed, are here laid down. First the present state of society cannot be reformed; second, a society may be formed which shall be destitute of evils deprecated; and the conclusion then follows, is should be formed. We confess ourself not quite so sanguine on these points. We are not so certain of the impossibility of the first, or the possibility of the second; yet we are very far for the benefit of labor and the elevation and happiness of the human race. Would that the number of those who are desirous of reform were increased a thousand fold. There is vast room for effort. The friend of humanity has an ample field before him; alas! that there are so few disposed to enter it and labor.

We desire a reform, but we would have one, if possible, which shall not be revolutionary in character. We do not see the necessity of cutting adrift from all the moorings of the State,

or the usages of the Church. True, there are evils in both, but they are such as those who make up the State or the Church may themselves remedy. The theory of each is, for aught we know, as liberal and expansive as may well be conceived, liberty being the grand element, and man, considered as man, the rightful possessor. The theory, then, we cannot suppose to be wrong; it is in the application, in the practice, that the wrong exists.

Let us consider for a moment, some of the evils in society, and see if this is not so. There is the excessive deference paid to wealth both in the State and in the Church. The theory or civil government recognizes it: "All men are created free and equal." Religion absolutely forbids it: "if there come unto you an assembly a man in goodly apparel, and a poor man in vile raiment, and ye respect the one but despise the other, ye have respect of persons, and commit sin." There are also false notions of labor, distinction of rank as well as employment, all which are the result of an ill-judging, senseless pride, rather than of a radical defect in the construction of society. There is the influence of pernicious example, of fashion and custom; there is extortion, oppression, illiberality and grasping ambition; but who is disposed to consider these, other than the rank weeds of an uncultivated soil, the poisonous fruit of an ill-governed heart? Let society be broken up, a new order of things be established, and these weeds will grow again so soon as time shall have allowed them to germinate and put forth their fruits.

We cannot then, expect a permanent reform from this source. The evils are in society, deeply interwoven in all its usages and institutions, and find their source in the habits inclinations and hearts of those who compose it.

From individual, personal effort, as it may appear to us, are we to look for a radical and permanent reform. Let those who profess discipleship to the lowly Savior, carry out in daily life the liberal and equalizing doctrine he taught; let them learn to "esteem others better than themselves;" let them evidence that benevolence which religion teacheth, and a grand step will have been taken towards the point at which we aim. Let those who are sensible of the evils, afford the corrective of example.

Their influence, their example is needed in society; if correct, it will be felt where the evil exists, and daily will it be exerted for the happiness and comfort of those now suffering under social abuses. Finally, let every individual inquire what part he has to perform in this great work. Honest manual labor is to be vindicated and redeemed from the odium and reproach which has been heaped upon it. This can only be done by personal effort, by example. Let each set himself at work in right earnest, and he will find there is much he can perform for the great object of social improvement, the benefit of society, and the elevation and happiness of his race.

A single word or two to those occupied in labor, and we have done. Your powerful co-operation in this work is absolutely necessary. Whatever false distinctions or ill-conceived notions may have been instituted or propagated by mis-guided men, it becomes your duty to discountenance them all. In your hardy hands and honest hearts let your glory be; and whatever distinctions others may court, show that you disregard all which has not true worth for its basis, and humanity's good for its object.

Doing this with fixed and steady purpose, you will consign to oblivion much that is ill-grounded and injurious as well to yourselves as to society, and introduce a reform that shall be permanent and useful indeed.—*The Laborer.*

The following is an extract of a letter from a young American now traveling in Europe, which we copy from the Baton Rouge (La.) Gazette:

EXTRAORDINARY DISCOVERY.

Professor Von Grusselbach, of Stockholm, has very lately brought to the state of profec-tion the art of producing a torpor of the whole system, by the application of cold of different degrees of intensity, proceeding from a lesser to a greater, so as to cause the human body to become perfectly torpid without permanent injury to any organ or tissue of the frame. In this state they may remain for a great number of years, and again, after sleep of ages, be awakened to existence, as fresh and blooming as they were when they first sunk into their frigid slumber.

The attention of the learned professor was first led to the subject by finding a toad enclosed in a solid fragment of calcareous rock ten feet in diameter, which when taken out, showed unequivocal signs of life; but it was supposed that the concussion caused by blasting the rock occasioned its death in a few hours after. The opinion of Baron Grollhizen, who is Geologist to the King of Sweden, was, that it must have been in that situation for at least seven thousand years; and his calculations were drawn from the different layers of strata by which it was surrounded. From this hint, the professor proceeded to make experiments; and, after a painful and laborious course of experiments for the last twenty-nine years of his life, he has at last succeeded in perfecting his great discovery. No less than sixty thousand reptiles, shell fish, &c. were experimented on before he tried the human subject. The process is not entirely laid before the public as yet, but I had the honor, in company with a friend of visiting the professor.

I shall give a slight description of one of the outer rooms containing some of his preparations. Previous to entering, we were furnished with an india rubber bag, to which was attached a mask with glass eyes. This was put on to

prevent the temperature of the room from being varied the slightest degree by our breathing. It was an circular room, lighted from the top by the sun's rays, from which the heat was entirely disengaged by its passage through its glass, &c. colored by the oxide of copper, (a late discovery and very valuable to the professor.) The room is shelved all around, and contains nearly one thousand specimens of animals, &c. One was Swedish girl, aged, from appearance, about nineteen years; she was consigned to the professor by order of the Government to experiment upon, having been found guilty as murdering her child. With the exception of slight planeness, she appeared as if sleep' although she has been in a state of complete torpor for two years. He intends, he says, to resuscitate her in five more years, and convince the world of the soundness of his wonderful discovery. The professor, to gratify us, took a small snake out of his cabinet into another room, and although it appeared to us to be perfectly dead and rigid as marble, by application of mixture of cayenne pepper and brandy, it showed immediate signs of life, and was apparently as active as ever it was in a few minutes, although the professor assured us it has been in a state of torpor for six years.

OXFORD DEMOCRAT.

PARIS, APRIL 23, 1844.

"The great popular party is already rallied almost en masse around the banner which is leading the party to its final triumph. The few that still lag will soon be rallied under its ample folds. On that banner is inscribed: FREE TRADE; LOW DUTIES; NO BARRIERS; SEPARATION FROM BANKRUPT ECONOMY; NO TREASON; AND STRICT ADHERENCE TO THE CONSTITUTION. Victory in such a cause will be great and glorious; and if its principles be faithfully and firmly adhered to, after it is achieved, much will it redound to the honor of those by whom it will have been won, and long will it perpetuate the liberty and prosperity of the country."—*Calhoun.*

TEXAS.—Many persons have denied that Great Britain had made any overtures or proposals to Texas, and called such assertions false, and used only to throw dust into the eyes of the American public. But among the documents accompanying the Treaty is a copy of a communication of the Texas Government informing our Government that "Great Britain had made a direct overture to Texas for her protection." That communication was the basis of all action on the part of our Government.

Texas it seems must be an addition or an auxiliary to some other Government. She cannot remain an independent power. She will not return to Mexico, because that country has denied to her the rights and privileges belonging to citizens of a Republic,—falsehood her promises, and attempted her invasion and subjugation because Texas resisted her unjust authority and oppressive laws. If she do not return to Mexico, where shall she go? Shall she become a Colony of England?—A Government which has opened her arms and invited her to come? While wars and rumors of wars are liable to occur,—while Military and Naval establishments are kept in existence, and while boundaries, frontiers and neighbors of certain kinds are so important, we should judge that the overgrown and grasping power of Great Britain ought not, for our own sakes, to be in possession of Texas.

Since, therefore, Texas cannot remain an independent power,—since she cannot return to Mexico, or willingly accept the offer of Great Britain, shall she be annexed to the United States and become a part of our Republic? The President and his Cabinet have all expressed their willingness that she should. Many intelligent persons have said "come." Many Statesmen, among whom are Calhoun, Clay and Walker, have said "come,"—"we are willing to receive you." Many of the people, in different portions of the country and from different cities, have petitioned for her admission.

But, there is another side to this picture. It cannot be denied that there is a strong opposition to Annexation. Thousands of the people, both Statesmen and Philanthropists, are found protesting against such a measure. They deny the right as well as the power of annexation; and dwell with impassioned eloquence on the supposed evil consequences of such a step.—Some look upon it only as a plot to perpetuate slavery, and the slave power in this Republic. Others view it as a scheme to receive and possess a bevy of "Rascals" and "Renegades."

These are some of the different views entertained by different men on this subject. It has not become a party question, although it is assuming that character. The Treaty which has been proposed and signed by the President and his Cabinet will not, in all probability, be ratified at this Session. It will then be left open for future discussion, and what will be the final result we cannot predict. For our own part we do not feel qualified to judge whether Texas should be admitted or not. It seems to us that the question should be viewed as one concerning National policy, independent of local interests, local feeling, or local prejudices. If we could feel satisfied that the acquisition of Texas would add to our general prosperity and security, we should say let her be admitted.

DEATH OF MR. HASKELL.—Mr. Jere Haskell, Secretary of the Senate, died at Augusta on the 14th inst. He has been feeble for some months past, owing to a consumption of the Lungs which has been praying upon his constitution. Nevertheless he had been able during the winter to attend to his duties as Secretary of the Senate. On the day previous to his death he expressed the opinion that he should be able to "return home by the boat and fix the Index to his Journal," and told the friends that called on him that "he was smart." Verily how uncertain is life!

Henry Clay is losing ground in his own State. Guess the Kentuckians don't like his electioneering for himself.

The Baltimore Convention assembles on the 27th of May.

We shall publish Mr. Wilkins' letter in relation to Texas next week.

Mr. Clay, at Columbus, Georgia, declared himself for the compromise tariff in future.—Here are his words:

"Influenced by a desire to avert the coming danger, and anxious to perpetuate the Union and give peace to a distracted country, I brought forward the compromise act, and aided in its passage. In my subsequent life I have adhered to its provision, and shall do so in future."

The compromise act, it is well known, brought all duties to an *ad valorem* of twenty per cent, lower than the bill now before Congress, so much berated Mr. Clay's admirers.

Again, Mr. Clay says: "The prohibition of the fabrics of foreign countries would transfer the monopoly to the home manufacturers of the United States. The true interests of the consumers are best promoted by a competition between the foreign and national supply."—*Boston Post.*

In this way the South are made to believe one set of opinions while the North are taught another. The last campaign was distinguished for such double dealing, especially on the Tariff. It should be distinctly understood, and kept in perpetual remembrance, that Mr. Clay at the South is in favor of the principles of the Compromise Act, which require a duty of 20 per cent, according to value, with some slight discrimination on all the different Foreign manufactured articles; while at the North his admirers bring him forth and attempt to sustain him as the author and champion of the Protective System, which system, as in the late Tariff, prescribes and lays a duty on Cotton and other goods of from 50 to 100 per cent.

Mr. Clay thinks the principles of the Compromise Act were complied with and carried out in the Whig Tariff of '42. The following is an extract from Mr. C's late electioneering speech at Charleston, South Carolina, taken from the *Kennebec Journal*.

Mr. C. denied that the principles of the compromise required the maximum rate of duty to be fixed at 20 per cent.—its true principle was that no more revenue should be raised than was necessary for an honest and economical administration of the government, and within that limit there might be discrimination in favor of domestic industry. He was far from conceding that the tariff of 1842 was in violation of the principle of the compromise—but if the home valuation and neither interest affected by it had more right to complain than the other.

Thus it appears according to the elastic and flexible opinions of Mr. C., and his admirers, that although an *ad valorem* duty of 20 per cent must be adhered to, yet it can be so varied on the ground of discrimination as to tax certain manufactured articles, not merely 20, 25, or 40, but even 50 or 100 per cent. Such latitude of discrimination as this requires no declaration of principles. The veriest tyro in Political Economy that ever drew breath, or possessed a tongue for the utterance of political dogmas, could lay out the ground work of a Tariff on such principles, and never be in the least danger of departing from them. If he were to tax some articles 200 per cent his principle would be there; and if he were to tax other articles 1 per cent, his principle would be there. Thus it would be impossible to go so far beyond 20 per cent or so far below it as not to be within the legitimate construction and the chosen dominion of the Compromise Act. The Compromise Act, therefore, as illustrated and defended by Henry Clay, is a grand humbug.

CONGRESS.—Dr. Martin has been confirmed as Secretary of Legation to France, and will accompany Hon. W. R. King. In the House, on the 15th, an attempt was made to introduce the New Tariff Bill, but it failed by a vote of 81 to 95.

On the 16th the Post Office Bill was taken up in the Senate. A motion to abolish the franking privilege was rejected 35 to 5. Members will not vote to diminish their own privileges. An amendment was adopted increasing the postage 50 per cent on the original Bill.

The House was occupied with the Rhode Island question.

April 17th. The Appropriation Bill for the Navy was taken up. \$110,000 were appropriated for the immediate wants of the service. Debate on the franking privilege.

18th. An amendment to the Postage Bill was adopted, 21 to 17, providing the following rates of postage:—Under 30 miles, 3 cents; under 180 miles, 5 cents; under 400 miles, 10 cents; over 400, 15 cents.

In the House, Mr. Adams presented Gen. Washington's Camp Chest, and made some appropriate remarks. A Resolution of thanks was passed and presented to the widow of the donor.

19th. Several memorials were presented in relation to the Tariff and Texas. The Camp Chest was accepted by the Senate. The Tariff question was taken up, and Mr. Wright occupied two hours in a speech in favor of modifying the present Tariff, when the Senate adjourned before the conclusion of his remarks.

In the House, Mr. Adams presented some Resolutions from Mass. in relation to Texas. A discussion then ensued on the adoption of the Western Harbor Bill, and occupied the House till adjournment.

JUDGE ELLIOTT.—This gentleman, who has been impeached for granting fraudulent naturalization papers, was stated by us to be a Whig on the authority of some of our exchange papers. According to the *N. Orleans Tropic*, we are mistaken. This does not help the Whigs out of their dilemma. For the persons to whom illegal naturalization certificates were given were all sent to the Judge by the *Clay Club* in New Orleans. Therefore if any criminality attaches to the Judge, it is in consequence of the base and fraudulent conduct of the *Clay Club*. Will the Signal please copy.

Mr. Clay was expected to be at Petersburg, Va. on the 18th inst. on his electioneering tour. Thus he is thrusting himself and his doctrines before the people of the Old Dominion, just before an important State election, electioneering for the Presidency—the highest Office in Christendom. This is a stoop below the dignity of a Statesman, in any case, and only comports with the wishes and designs of a Demagogue.

